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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 10-11, 20-22, 27, 32 and 35-38 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application. Please amend claims 12-19, 23-26, 28-31 and 33-34 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b) by deleting the bracketed material and inserting the underlined material as follows.

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~~Subt A~~
--12. (Amended)

The method of [any one of claims 1-9] claim 1, which comprises inhibiting the kinase enzymatic reaction of kit protein.--

--13. (Amended)

The method of [any one of claims 1-9] claim 1, which comprises inhibiting chymase, elastase or other SCF cleaving enzymes.--

--14. (Amended)

The method of [any one of claims 1-9] claim 1, which comprises inhibiting ligand binding